

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

P&C Meeting

22nd October 2024

Minutes



Special Address:

The meeting was preceded by an in person address from Julian Leaser MP. Mr. Leaser reiterated his full support of partial Federal funding of a Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) for the school.

- The MPC should be endorsed by community representatives, alumni and school students and parents.
- It would be helpful if the MPC could be a community facility, although, held predominantly for school use.
- The endorsements should be in the form of videos, letters to the MP, petitions.
- The endorsement should be channeled through Mr. Leaser's office.

Meeting Commenced: 22nd October 2024, 7:50 pm

Attendees

Dawn Kilkelly, Sean Kilkelly, Nikki Nicholls, Chris Nicholls, Bryce Grant, Chris Kent, Vennessa Jull, Lucinda Bennie Greg Cullen.

Apologies

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: 24th September 2024

Approved: Lucinda Bennie, *Seconded:* Nikki Nicholls.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- none

Correspondence In:

- none

Correspondence Out:

- none

President's Report:

- Working Bee, was successful last
- Thanks to the families that attended
 - Rob Peacock, Venessa Jull, David Lowden

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Reports for September 2024 can be provided on application.

Accepted: Nikki Nicholls, *Seconded:* Chris Kent.

Principal's Report:

- A Multi-Purpose Centre is well overdue for the school. Mr. Leaser's offer is a very big step towards achieving this.
 - Request for letters to the alumni of the Asquith Old Boys.

- Promote the petition on Facebook pages, Backchat.
- Canvas support from local Primary Schools, other not for profit organisations.
- Consultation on Asquith Boys/Girls High Schools.
 - No further announcements from DET.
 - DET are sending an Infrastructure delegation to inspect the school.
- Walkathon was enjoyed by Students and Staff.
- HSC exams are currently underway.
- Thanks for the participants who attended the Working Bee.
- High School Experience Day will be held on 21st November.

Grounds Report:

- No “Green Bins” were available during the Working Bee. Venessa suggested we could hire some for the next Working Bee
- Hedges were trimmed and weeded along Peats Ferry Rd fence line.
- A new garden was put in on embankment opposite the Library.
 - A birdbath from CAPA has been suggested to showcase Students abilities.
- Graffiti was noted on the walls of a neighbouring property. Nikki could follow up with Strata Management.
- Artwork will be printed on coreflute and displayed on the fence line.

Fundraising Report:

- A 60th Anniversary Book was purchased as a gift to a former Dux of the School. Apparently, he read it from cover to cover - several times.

General Business:

- The November meeting will be the final meeting of the year.
 - The meeting will be held on 26th November. Nibbles and light refreshments will be supplied.
- Question from Nikki; can the students borrow textbooks to take home?
 - There are on-line versions. Mr. Grant explained the workbook is on-line.
- An entry regarding the Asquith Old Boys should be published in the next Backchat.
- Funding for General Activities can be supported by the P&C.
 - Can also be used for the School-2-Work program.
- Cricket nets need rebuilding.
 - Cricket NSW have grants, so would have to be the benefit of the community.
 - The nets are in good condition, but the grounding needs to be replaced.
 - Mindful that the big play is the MPC.
- Lucinda mentioned that ABHS should not limit our scope and should be looking at other MPCs. Many of which have theaters and can be used by community groups.

New Business:

- Covered above.

Closed: 8:45 pm

Next meeting: 26th November 2024

Will be held in-person at the School Library at 7:30 pm.